



## The Burning Tree Bush

### Opening Competition:

As a group, divide into two teams. Get a piece of paper and a pen and in 60 seconds write down as many trees as you can think of. In the next 60 seconds, write down as many trees as you can think of in the Bible.

What was your main takeaway from the message?

Did you learn anything new, or has your perspective been challenged?

### Read Exodus 3:

Take a minute and make observations. What do you see? What questions do you have?

What do you think you would have done if you saw a burning bush tree?

Moses shows reluctance in saying yes to God and God's call over his life. What are his hang-ups? Can you relate? Have you ever said the same thing to God in some way?

How does God speak to Moses' reluctance? How has God spoken to you in your reluctance?

If you were Moses, which of God's commands in verses 14–22 would have made you the most anxious? Why?

### Application:

Pastor David, in pointing out that the burning bush is a burning 'tree' bush discussed how this story is part of the tree/God/choice motif in the Bible and teaches us a number of things about God.

- Thinking about the message and Pastor David's challenge, do you see any theme or pattern in your life that comes to mind?
- Do you see God's grace in your life in failed choices?
- Do you see any place where God has brought you to a tree and is offering a choice?

### Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.

Guided prayer: God, we give you thanks for your grace, and that you are a God of grace. Remind us of us that in times of failure. Let it spur us on to choose your way. Amen.